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SUBJECT: INFOMAG LTD. (GRESHAM)

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1. THE U.K. APPLICATION (COPY FORWARDED ON 11/27/74) STATES ON PAGE 2 PARA 1 INFOMAG'S POSITION ON TECHNOLOGY AND KNOW HOW. BEWT/OEA SHOULD COMPARE THESE STATEMENTS WITH EXHIBIT H PAGES 58-70 OF THE U.K. CUSTOMS INFORMATION TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON ON NOV. 20, 1974. THIS EXHIBIT INDICATES 14 BOXES OF U.S. MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT FOR PRODUCTION OF 2311 HEADS WAS SHIPPED TO GRESHAM. THESE MACHINES WOULD BE USED TO PRODUCE HEADS FOR THE BULGARIAN ORDER COVERED BY THE LICENSE APPLICATION.

2. AS FOR PARTS, HOLDEN'S LETTER DEC. 9, 1974 (COPY HAND CARRIED BY WALINSKY OF BEWT/OEA) MAKES THIS VERY CLEAR AS TO CURRENT PRODUCTION. HOWEVER HOLDEN STATED DURING AN INTERVIEW ON NOV. 26, 1974, THAT BY THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1975, WHEN THEY WOULD BEGIN PRODUCTION OF HEADS FOR BULGARIA UNDER THE LICENSE, IF ISSUED, THERE WOULD BE NO U.S. PARTS INVOLVED.

3. WALINSKY HAS SOME INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT
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FOLLOWING A DECEMBER 11 MEETING WITH WHITBY, DEPT. OF

TRADE. EARLIER EMBASSY APPROACH TO WHITBY WAS INCONCLUSIVE ON QUESTION OF TECHNOLOGY. HE STATED HMG IS PREPARED TO ISSUE EXPORT LICENCE FOR HEADS, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH COMMERCE, ON BASIS OF WRITTEN END-USER GUARANTEES FROM ISOTEMPEX AND INFOMAG LTD.

4. THE STATEMENT "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" BY HOLDEN SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR. IF HE ANSWERS ANY QUESTIONS INDICATING THAT GILLIUM APPLIED PRESSURE ON HIM TO FURTHER VIOLATE THE LAWS HE WOULD BE FIRED.

5. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF FURTHER SHIPMENTS DIRECT FROM IML TO BULGARIA SINCE MAR. 74. HOWEVER STEVE SIMONS WAS INSTALLED AS VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF EUROPEAN SALES IN MARCH 74. (SEE PAGES 10 AND 11 OF KNOX STATEMENT.) IN 1974 THERE HAVE BEEN SALES OF OVER 4000 HEADS TO SYSTEL IN GERMANY.
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